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RE: DOCKET NUMBER 98N-1265**TO THE FDA:**

I am sending this letter to express my disapproval of the MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING as published by the FDA on January 21, 1999. As a consumer of healthcare services, I am deeply disturbed about this! It is my understanding that the MOU in its present form, as well as the COMPOUNDING SECTION 503A of the MODERNIZATION ACT, severely restricts the rights of the physicians and patients to obtain healthcare products from the provider of their choice.

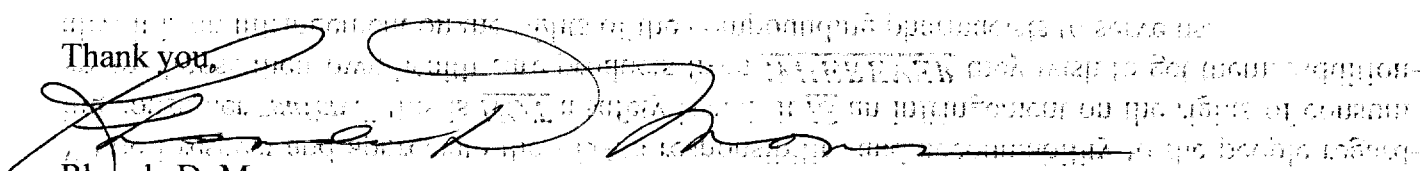
While I respect and appreciate the FDA's responsibility and accountability to the people regarding consumer "safety," this is NOT a safety issue! It IS an infringement on the rights of consumers to choose their own health care products from WHEREVER they wish to get them. Additionally, it is an infringement on the rights of the compounding pharmacists to serve us.

I am able to get compounded products right here in the city in which I live. I was told of several different places to obtain these products, both locally and out of state, by my physician. After doing research and weighing all the pros and cons for me, personally, I PREFERRED and CHOSE to get them from a company out of state.. This should REMAIN my FREE CHOICE. The FDA does not know me personally, my medical background, my problems or my needs. This is NOT for them to decide, but rather a personal and individual decision of the consumer, and I am very upset about this whole thing.

This letter is to request that the MOU be amended!!!! It MUST be amended!!!!

Please feel free to contact me regarding my feelings on this issue. I can be reached at the address and telephone number listed on this letterhead.

Thank you.


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